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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITOR - H. DE CROO

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1. DE CROO PLEASED WITH PROPOSED PROGRAM AND ACCEPTS IT WITHOUT MODIFICATION. HIS TENTATIVE TRAVEL DATES ARE SEPTEMBER 20 TO OCTOBER 3 OR 4 THESE WILL BE CONFIRMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. DE CROO BORN IN OPBRAKEL AUGUST 12, 1937. SECONDARY EDUCATION BY JESUITS IN MONS; UNIVERSITY DIPLOMA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND DOCTORATE OF LAW FROM FREE UNIVERSITY OF BRUSSELS (FRENCH SECTION); FULBRIGHTSCHOLAR AT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO (1961-62) AND MEMBER OF KISSINGER SEMINAR AT HARVARD (1964). LAW PRACTICE IN OUDENARDE SINCE 1961, PROFESSOR OF LAW AT FREE UNIVERSITY OF BRUSSELS (DUTCH) SINCE 1973. PRESIDENT OF LIBERAL STUDENTS AT FREE UNIVERSITIES OF BRUSSELS 1957-1961; NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF LIBERAL PARTY STUDENT AND YOUTH GROUPS 1959-1966; PRESIDENT OF COMMON MARKET LIBERAL AND RADICAL YOUTH ASSOCIATION 1962-66. BURGOMASTER OF MICHELBEKE 1964-1971, NOW COMMUNAL COUNCILLOR. MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SINCE 1968; MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION SINCE 1974.

3. DE CROO'S RESEARCH, PUBLISHED WRITING, AND ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES REFLECT A WIDE RANGE OF INTERESTS: COMPARATIVE LAW, PUBLIC LAW, FUTUROLOGY, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE BELGIAN LINGUISTIC COMMUNITIES, LDC'S, URBANSIM, AND THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA. HE IS AN OUTSPOKEN ATLANTICIST.

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4. DE CROO IS MARRIED TO A LAWYER, WHO RUNS HIS LAW OFFICE WHILE

HE SERVES IN THE GOVERNMENT. FIRESTONE

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